(d) The Special Group headed by Dr. S.P. Gupta Member, Planning Commission has estimated that with the target of achieving 10 million jobs per year it will be possible to eliminate unemployment by the end of 2012.

Loss of jobs by women

1028. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of women have lost their jobs in the unorganized sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details for the last three years in agriculture, handicraft, fisheries sectors etc., State-wise and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Social and medical security benefits

1029. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ESIC Review Committee has recommended enhancement of wage ceiling for coverage of social and medical security benefits;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government have decided not to establish new ESI hospitals/dispensaries and to out source medical facilities for workers from private hospitals/clinics; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri M.C. Verma to review the working of ESI Scheme in its report submitted to the Government has recommended that the existing wage ceiling may be enhanced from Rs. 6,500/- p.m. to Rs. 9,000/- p.m.